

COPY OF BOARD AWARD RECEIVED

Railroad Men Believe In-
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Boost in Rates.

An official copy of the decision of the United States labor board in the railway wage increase was received from Judge R. M. Barton of Memphis, chairman of the board, by The News-Scimitar Wednesday. The decision was printed in the form of a booklet of 20 pages, more than half of which is devoted to a review of the wage controversy that has been pending almost two years, and the manner of the application of the wage scales. Nearly four pages are required to list the various railroads affected by the decision. Eighteen labor organizations were parties to the case.

Local railroad men and traffic organizations agree that the increased wages granted will mean additional freight rates, over and above the increased rates now pending before the interstate commerce commission. The \$600,000 additional revenue necessary to meet the wage increase will probably be partly derived from an increase in passenger rates, according to the opinion of local traffic authorities.

The carriers now have an application before the commission for a general increase in freight rates averaging about 25 per cent, from which it is estimated that \$2,000,000, the amount necessary to provide a 6 per cent dividend of the railroads' investment, would be raised. It is generally conceded that an increase of about 25 per cent in freight rates will be granted, but this does not provide for an advance in wages. The commission's decision is expected about Aug. 1, to become effective Sept. 1.

J. H. Townsend, secretary of the Southern Railroad association, estimates a total increase of about 40 per cent in the present freight rates, with the probability of an increase of passenger rates of one-half cent per mile.

James S. Davant, commissioner of the Memphis freight bureau, would not venture an estimate, but said that a big increase was sure. He expressed warm approval of the fairness and justice of the decision of the labor board. To maintain good service the railroads must employ a high-class labor and such wages should be paid by the railroads as will assure them getting that class of labor.

J. B. McGinnis, commissioner for the hay and grain division of the Memphis Merchants' exchange, expressed the opinion that the railroads would be granted an increase in freight rates of from 20 to 25 per cent on their application now pending, and occurred in the estimate of Mr. Townsend that a total increase of about 40 per cent should be expected, with some increase in the passenger rates. The railway clerks all appear to be well satisfied with the increase granted them, which will amount to \$27.50 per month.

URGES COOLIE LABOR FOR DELTA FARMS

CLARKSDALE, Miss., July 22. (Sp.)—The feature of the weekly Rotary meeting Tuesday was the paper read by Capt. Tom Gibson, planter, urging the use of yellow labor on the plantations. He offered an idea by which the scarcity of help might be done away with. To make the plan successful it would be necessary to have suitable immigration laws passed and to do away with the prejudice against the Chinese.

Another matter of great interest to the people of this section was the report made at the Rotary meeting by J. M. Boudin relative to procuring a new passenger station for Clarksdale.

COAHOMA PLANTERS HOLD COTTON MEETING

CLARKSDALE, Miss., July 22. (Sp.)—The meeting at the courthouse here Tuesday to promote co-operation among the planters relative to the movement of cotton was very largely attended. Business men from all parts of the county were on hand to hear the speeches by Oscar Bledsoe, Jr., of Shell Mound, Miss., and Aaron Shapiro, of San Francisco, Cal.

J. W. Cutler, president of the chamber of commerce, said the purpose of the meeting was to relieve the present difficulty for the cotton planter.

Mr. Bledsoe gave practical suggestions for meeting the difficulties in marketing the crop. He presented to his audience Mr. Shapiro, who then spoke at some length on the benefits of organization and co-operation by those engaged in agriculture. He suggested that great good would result from combining California ideas with delta soil. Great enthusiasm followed the meeting and the co-operative idea is already working.

NEXT ZOIN CONFERENCE AWARDED TO PALESTINE

LONDON, July 22. (Jewish Telegraph Agency).—The Zionist conference here has decided that the next Zionist world congress should meet in Palestine not later than the latter part of the summer of 1931.

A large executive body, known as the Greater Actions committee, will have 45 members and will meet semi-annually. One of the main objects of this committee will be to determine the budget for the development of the Zionist state.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Boy With Broken Neck Treated In Memphis

PINE BLUFF, Ark., July 22. (Sp.)—Lee Henkle, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Henkle, of Pine Bluff, who has been suffering from a broken neck since a horse fell with him a year ago, has returned from Memphis, where he was under treatment for about two weeks and under the observation of specialists who made for him a special steel brace, which is intended to support his head and relieve the fractured vertebrae. His physicians here are planning for him to go to a local hospital soon where he will be required to lie upon his back with weights attached to his head and feet and hanging from each end of the bed in such a manner as to stretch his neck in an effort to readjust the displaced vertebrae.

This treatment will be kept up from two weeks to two months, according to the experts that attend the operation. It is also planned to remove a piece of his shin bone, which is to be grafted upon the third and fifth vertebrae, unless it is found that the fractured bones are knitting together.

Memphis Orphan Was Tagged And Shipped Like Dog, Is Claim

PINE BLUFF, Ark., July 22. (Sp.)—An interesting fight is being waged in circuit court here between Mrs. Henry Rosenstein of Memphis and Mrs. Sallie Hoover of Lincoln county over the legal possession of Zula Mae Palmer, 11-year-old orphan girl.

Some years ago when the child's mother died in Memphis, the girl was thrown on the hands of friends there and when her father died five years ago he left her to Mr. and Mrs. Hoover. It is alleged in the testimony that when the little girl was sent here she was seized and put on the train not unlike one would ship a pet dog. Later Mrs. Rosenstein's papers were obtained by Mrs. Hoover who contends that the Hoovers are not the proper guardians for the little girl.

CLARKSDALE BOOSTS PAY OF CITY FATHERS

CLARKSDALE, Miss., July 22. (Sp.)—At a special election held here on Tuesday the city charter was amended so that the salaries of the mayor and commissioners are increased. The mayor will now receive \$200 per month, and each of the two commissioners \$150. Formerly the three have received \$50 per month each.

The amendment provides for the election of these officers every other year on the second Tuesday in December. It also stipulates that the commissioners must give two hours each day to the business of the city government.

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WHITE FORCED TO REST.

EMPORIA, Kan., July 22.—William Allen White is resting, under direction of his physician, at Estes Park, Col. As announced in press dispatches, he has declined to make the address at the notification of Gov. Coolidge of Massachusetts, Republican vice-presidential candidate, on account of his health. His condition is not considered serious, according to word received here.

GENERAL STRIKE CALLED.

MEXICO CITY, July 22.—A general strike has been declared in Vera Cruz, according to Excelsior. Unloading of several ships will be suspended.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSETS TWO BILLIONS

CHICAGO, July 22.—Assets of the Building and Loan association of the

United States has passed the two billion dollar mark. H. P. Cellarius, of Cincinnati, secretary of the United States

League of Local Building and Loan associations, announced at the 25th annual convention yesterday. There are

7,788 building and loan associations in the country, his report showed, with a membership of 4,389,324, and assets of \$2,126,620,290. The gain during the past year was \$228,376,044, or 12 per cent.

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